ed and throughout the proceedings I hope, from all Hon'ble Members, to receive that support to the Chair which it has been my custom to receive in the past. We will now pass on to the business of the day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Excess payments through interim bills on works.

181. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there have been final bills passed by the Chief Engineer for works in Karkadagam last when, as a result of his check-measurement, large amounts already unduly and excessively paid on individual items of works in interim bills on the responsibility of the Divisional Officers and Sub-divisional Officers had to be recovered from either the usual 10% reductions made from the contractor's interim bills or from the value of works since done on other items of the estimates or from amounts due to contractors on other works ;

(b) if so, the names of works, the amounts found excessively paid on interim bills on individual items and how these excessive payments were recovered from the contractors may be stated ; who are the contractors of such works and who are the Sub-divisional and Divisional Officers concerned ; were any explanations called for from the officers responsible for such over-payments in interim bills and how were they disposed of ; were the works of reconstructing the Kannukali bridge and the improvements to the Manapat chira among them ; in what items were there such excess and what were the excess amounts so paid in interim bills in each item ; how were they recovered in the final bill; who were the Divisional and Sub-divisional Officers ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer above, the rest of the questions do not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there a practice to pay the whole amount to contractors at the end of the year even though the work is not fully completed?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No. The works are to be check-measured and paid at the end of the year. By the end of the year the amount does not lapse. But we will take Government sanction to pay for these works next year.

Posting of Surgeon got specialised in Ophthalmology to Ernakulam.

182. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) what were the number of Ophthalmic cases in each year from 1104 to 1108 in the Trichur Hospital ;

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(2) why was the Surgeon got specialised in Ophthalmology posted to Ernakulam ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1)

Years.	*No. of cases.*
1104	2,754
1105	3,087
1106	5,205
1107	8,465
1108—till 8—6—1108	3,993

(2) To be in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital, Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, Sir, who was the expert in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital before the trained man was transferred?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Dr. Tharian.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know why the trained man was transferred to Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He was transferred to take charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital here.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was any one in charge of the Trichur Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is one doing work in the out-patient department.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is he a trained man?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when and where ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Before he came here he was trained in Madras.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is he a Government Officer ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He is not in Government service. He is doing honorary work.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who was in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital before the expert was transferred to Ernakulam ?

President.—That was already answered.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know why a trained man was transferred to Ernakulam ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Because he was specially got trained to be in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was there any particular reason to transfer him except that he was trained ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He was specially trained to be at Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not the previous man doing work satisfactorily ?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He was. But he had other duties to attend to.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether he was not in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital, X-Ray and Surgery at one time?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He was in charge of the X-Ray and Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when he was in charge of Surgery he was not in charge of Ophthalmology?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—For a short time he was in charge.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was he doing his work satisfactorily?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Fairly satisfactorily.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether, before the expert was transferred, there were any records to show that there was need for a special hand?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether any report has been made to the Government to that effect by the Chief Medical Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it before the expert was transferred?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How long before the expert was transferred?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I cannot say exactly. I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there not sufficient work in the General Hospital now for the new expert to attend to?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is Dr. Tharian specially trained in Ophthalmology?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He has been doing that work.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he an expert in that line?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He has been doing work there for some years.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In answer to one of my questions did not the Chief Medical Officer openly say in this Council that he is not an expert in that line?

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